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In re Application of

Toshiki TARU, et al.

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For: OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS:

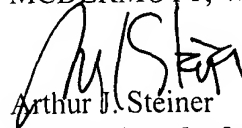
Please substitute the attached pages of specification and claims as amended under Article 34 for the corresponding pages of specification and claims as filed. A marked up copy of the claims, indicating the changes, is attached.

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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